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RAY-PEC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT INDICTED FOR BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Raymore, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for robbing Allen Bank and Trust Company in Raymore, Mo.

Scott Dajuan Hazel, 18, of Raymore, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City. **Hazel** is a student at Raymore-Peculiar High School. Today's indictment replaced a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **Hazel** on Dec. 1, 2005.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the original criminal complaint, **Hazel** entered Allen Bank and Trust Company, 1000 Foxwood Drive in Raymore, just before 5 p.m. Wednesday and announced, "This is a hold up." Brandishing a knife in his right hand and a small blue nylon bag in his left hand, the affidavit says, **Hazel** ordered everyone to sit down on the floor. **Hazel** allegedly claimed that the blue nylon bag was a bomb and that he would detonate the device if anyone failed to comply with his wishes, repeating several times, "This is for real."

After tellers placed \$6,610 in a bag, the affidavit says, **Hazel** began asking who owned various cars in the parking lot. The clerk offered the keys to her vehicle and **Hazel** left the bank, but was unable to start the car.

One of the bank employees recognized **Hazel** during the robbery and identified him as a customer of the bank, the affidavit says.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was

investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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